(c) Does not arise.

Socio Econoimic Backgroudn of Navodays Vidyalaya Students

570. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: WiH the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken atty study to ascertain the socioeconomic background of the students, admitted in Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if SD, what are tbe details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of students belonging to Agriculturists and AgricultU'-al Lahoui how studying in those schools;

(d) how many of them belong to lower strata of society; and

(e) what steps are proposed fo be taken to encourage admission oi chiildien belonging to lower middle classes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN IHE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A socio-economic survey of Navodaya Vidyalaya students was conducted in 1989-90 by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed *(See* below).

(e) To safeguard the admission of rural children< 75 per cent seats in eac'i Vidyalaya have been exclusively reserved for ihem. Reservation of seats in favour of children, belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes rs provided in proportion to their population in the concerned district provided that in no district such reservation will be less than the national average.

Statement

Educational background of parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

Parent	B.A./M.A.	High School	Middle School	Illiterate
Father	28.3%	17.2%	40.5%	16.1%
Mother	6%	18.3%	72%	39.5%

Occupational background of parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

Parent	Agriculturist/ Agricultural Lebourer or General Labourer	Self-employed or regular service	Business
Father	42.4%	47.6%	9.96%
Mother	7.3%	2.4%	—

Economic status of parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

Income Level	Percentage of students coming from respective families
Less than Rs. 12,000/- p.a.	63
Between Rs. 36,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- p.a.:	5